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In re Application of:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

ENCAPSULATING SOFTWARE

COMPONENTS IN AN APPLICATION

PROGRAM INTERFACE USING A

PROXY OBJECT

Group Art Unit: 2173

Examiner: Bonshock, D.

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 21, 2003

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2003 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance. The undersigned appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Cabeca and Examiner Bonshock in the interview of February 3, 2004, in which the following distinctions between the cited art and the presently claimed case were discussed.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.